

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Social Services	(2) MEETING DATE 7/7/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Trish Avery Caldwell (805) 788-2601	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a FY 2015-16 renewal service contract (Clerk's File) for Housing Assistance Services with the Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo (HASLO) in the amount of \$100,000. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board approve, and direct the Chairperson to sign, a renewal service contract with the Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo (HASLO) for Housing Assistance Services for Fiscal Year 2015-16 in the amount of \$100,000.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal 87% State 9% County 4%	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$100,000	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$100,000	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001535		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>7/8/14</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Morgan Torell			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



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SUBJECT: Request to approve a FY 2015-16 renewal service contract (Clerk's File) for Housing Assistance Services with the Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo (HASLO) in the amount of \$100,000. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Board approve, and direct the Chairperson to sign, a renewal service contract with the Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo (HASLO) for Housing Assistance Services for Fiscal Year 2015-16 in the amount of \$100,000.

DISCUSSION

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is contracting for Housing Assistance Services with the Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo (HASLO) to assist California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), Child Welfare Services (CWS), and Adult Services (AS) clients/participants with obtaining and retaining permanent, safe and affordable housing. Services provided in this contract include eviction prevention and the provision of security deposit funds that may be accessed only after family, individual, community and other DSS programs are explored and utilized.

The eviction prevention funds provide up to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) to a qualified family, senior, or individual who is at risk of losing long-term housing due to an unexpected hardship. The funds may be used for rent. It is anticipated that once the eviction funds are utilized the family, senior, or individual will stabilize and be able to continue paying their rent with no further emergency assistance. Studies have shown that it is less expensive, and has greater outcomes, to provide resources for an individual or family to retain their existing housing rather than allow an eviction to occur. Once permanent housing is lost the quality of life diminishes rapidly and the ability to find stable housing is difficult. This service is a safety net that offers preventative help to support our CalWORKs, CWS and AS families, seniors and individuals who are experiencing temporary personal difficulties such as physical or mental health issues and/or temporary job loss.

The security deposit funds are initiated once a family has located affordable housing and needs assistance with a security deposit to be able to move in. These funds provide up to twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) to help a family, senior, or individual. Once housing is stabilized, clients/participants who utilize the security deposit funds are encouraged to participate in HASLO's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program. The FSS program is a five-year program that HASLO offers to help families reduce their dependence on public assistance and to increase their income to the point where they can obtain market rate housing. As family income increases, their contribution toward their Section 8 or Public Housing rent payment also increases. Under the FSS program, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations allow a percentage of their rent increase to be deposited into an interest bearing escrow account. If the family meets its goals within five years and "graduates" from welfare assistance for a period of twelve months, they receive the funds in this account. For more information about HASLO and housing programs they offer visit their website at www.haslo.org.

The renewal of this contract will increase the likelihood that clients/participants receiving assistance in CalWORKs, CWS,

and AS will obtain and retain permanent, safe and affordable housing. As housing issues stabilize, CalWORKs, CWS, and AS clients/participants are more likely to participate in employment, training, and education opportunities that will lead to self-sufficiency and financial stability. Unlike other programs that provide emergency services once a person or family becomes homeless, both programs with HASLO support permanent, long-term housing needs that provide a base for people to move out of poverty and into self-sufficiency. These services support the Department and County goal of ensuring all people in our community enjoy healthy, successful and productive lives, and have access to the basic necessities.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

This contract was developed in partnership with the HASLO and County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract as to legal form and effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The total contract amount for HASLO housing services is \$100,000. The contract is included in the Department of Social Services adopted budget for Fiscal Year 15-16 and will require no additional General Fund contribution.

Agency	Actual FY 13-14	Budgeted FY 14-15	Budgeted FY 15-16	Notes	Sharing Ratios		
					Federal	State	County
Housing Authority	\$74,261	\$100,000	\$100,000	Housing Services	87%	9%	4%

RESULTS

Fiscal Years 13-14 and 14-15

In FY 14-15, HASLO provided housing services to forty eight (48) families as of March 31, 2015. It is anticipated that HASLO will exceed its performance outcome of assisting seventy five (75) families with permanent housing needs by June 30, 2015, which is the contract end date. *Of the forty eight (48) families served, forty three (43) families utilized the security deposit program and five (5) received eviction prevention funds.*

Based on the final quarterly report for FY 13-14 and received July 20, 2014, HASLO provided housing services to sixty two (62) families. Of those served, fifty (50) utilized the security deposit loan program and twelve (12) received eviction prevention funds. The fifty (50) families that received security deposit funds were able to move into long-term, stable housing. The twelve (12) families that received eviction prevention funds were able to avoid being removed from their home. HASLO only receives funding for services provided.

Fiscal Year 15-16

HASLO to assist up to seventy five (75) eligible families with housing needs.

- Up to sixty (60) families will be able to utilize the security deposit program to help move them into long-term, stable housing.
- Up to fifteen (15) families will be able to access eviction prevention funds that will help them avoid the possibility of being removed from their homes.

ATTACHMENTS

1. HASLO Clerk's File Statement